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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

2. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

Regarding claim 2, the claim contains the limitation "...and the output control signal uses a level trigger system" on lines 2-3. The enablement of the use of a "level trigger system" is questioned because it is not clearly explained in the specification what is meant by a "level trigger system".

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 1-3, the phrase "...and a control signal transmission line for transmitting a data carry signal for enabling the shift register and a signal for controlling

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an data output by the output circuit using a single signal line " on lines 5-8 of claim 1 renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the phrase "using a single signal line" is associated with either the verbs "transmitting" or "controlling" within the phrase.

Given the above rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, the following rejections are based on the claims as best understood by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taguchi et al. (US 6,181,317) (hereafter, "Taguchi") in view of Arai (US 6,909,418).

Taguchi teaches a device for driving an LCD comprising: a timing control unit Fig. 4, timing controller 5); a gate driving unit (Fig. 4 gate driver 3) having a shift register (Fig. 9, shift register 21) and an output circuit (Fig. 9); and a transmitting a data carry signal (Fig. 4, signal STV) for enabling the shift register and a signal for controlling an data output (Fig. 4, signal GOE which is the gate output enable signal). However Taguchi does not teach transmitting both the data carry signal and the output control signal using a single signal line.

However, Arai does teach transmitting a data carry signal (Fig. 13, STH) and a signal for controlling a data output (Fig. 13, intPOL21) on a single signal line (Fig. 13, see col. 9, lines 55-67) for a source driver.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the teachings of Arai in the display of Taguchi to have a gate driver that combines the data carry signal and the output control signal, where the motivation to combine was to reduce the number of signal lines and reduce parasitic capacitance (Arai, col. 9, lines 55-57).

Regarding claim 2, Taguchi further teaches a data carry signal that uses a rising edge trigger system (Fig. 5, where STV has a rising edge that is triggered by the clock signal ϕX), and the output control signal that uses a level trigger system (Fig. 49, see col. 16, lines 30-33, where the output enable signal GOE is triggered by the changing level of the clock signal).

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kinno et al. (US 6,185,274) teaches a display where the STV and OE signals are transmitted together. Huang et al. (US 20040174330 teaches a integrated circuit for a display where a separate line for the output enable signal is removed.

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8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sameer K. Gokhale whose telephone number is (571) 272-5553. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amr Awad can be reached on (571) 272-7764. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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May 10, 2006

Sameer Gokhale
Examiner
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AMR A. AWAD
PRIMARY EXAMINER

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amr A. Awad", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.